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E.O. 12065: RDS-4 (AMSTUTZ, J. BRUCE) OR-M

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SUBJ: EMBASSY OFFICERS VIEW FOUR DEAD TERRORISTS

REF: KABUL 1098

1. AT 2000, FEBRUARY 14, EMBASSY OFFICERS WERE INVITED BY AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTRY PROTOCOL TO VISIT THE MILITARY HOSPITAL TO VIEW THE FOUR DEAD TERRORISTS INVOLVED IN TODAY'S KILLING OF AMBASSADOR DUBS.

2. THE OFFICERS, WHO WERE PRESENT AT THE SHOOTING, RECOGNIZED THREE OF THE MEN, THOSE REPORTED AS "PROBABLY DEAD," "POSSIBLY DEAD," AND "DEFINITELY ALIVE" IN REFTEL. THE FOURTH WAS NOT RECOGNIZED. (ALTHOUGH ONLY THREE TERRORISTS APPEARED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ROOM 117 INCIDENT, EMBASSY DRIVER GUL MOHAMMED IS CERTAIN THAT HE BROUGHT FOUR TERRORISTS TO THE HOTEL KABUL WITH THE AMBASSADOR.)

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3. EMBASSY OFFICERS MADE NO COMMENTS ABOUT THE DISPLAY,

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TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS, AND DEAPRTED.

4. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE OFFICIAL AFGHAN VERSION OF EVENTS IS AT VARIANCE WITH OUR OWN EYEWITNESS EXPERIENCE (E.G., THE FACT THAT WE SAW THE THIRD TERRORIST PRISONER REMOVED ALIVE FROM THE HOTEL ON HIS FEET AT THE END OF THE SHOOTOUT), THE EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE USG NOT PROVIDE TO THE PRESS ANY OF THE CONFLICTING DETAILS PRESENTED IN THE REFTTEL UNTIL WE ARE READY TO CONSIDER THE NEXT STEPS WE WANT TO TAKE WITH THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THIS AFFAIR. AMSTUTZ

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